



From the editor

WILLIAM PERKINS

The price of holding to a different viewpoint

If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you... If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you... (John 15:18-20 HCSB).

Those words of Jesus came to mind while following the news media flap over the words of Dan Cathy, the unabashedly Christian president of Chick-fil-A, Inc., in affirming his company's support of traditional marriage.

"We are very much supportive of the family — the biblical definition of the family unit. We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our first wives. We give God thanks for that," Cathy said in a recent interview with K. Allan Blume, editor of The Biblical Recorder, news journal of North Carolina Baptists.

"We operate as a family business...our restaurants are typically led by families. Some are single. We want to do anything we possibly can to strengthen families. We are very much committed to that."

Well. Judging from the reaction of powerful pro-homosexual groups and the mainstream news media, one would have thought Cathy was calling for the overthrow of the United States government.

A radically pro-homosexual group named Equality Matters accused the company of donating millions of dollars to what it terms "anti-gay" groups — Focus on the Family, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Exodus International, and Family Research Council — and providing free Chick-fil-A meals to conferences and meetings that promote the traditional concept of marriage.

"Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy bites into gay-marriage debate," trumpeted the Washington Post, which promptly put up an on-line poll asking whether readers would continue to patronize such an "unenlightened establishment." (Chick-fil-A won, 61%-39%.)

"Chick-fil-A's anti-gay-marriage stance triggers online uproar," shouted the Los Angeles Times,

apparently as ignorant as the Washington Post to the fact that the words, "anti-gay," or even "gay," were never used by Cathy in the interview.

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino went so far as to threaten to withhold city permits if Chick-fil-A dared to build a restaurant in his city. "Chick-fil-A doesn't belong in Boston. You can't have a business in the city of Boston that discriminates against a population. We're an open city, we're a city that's at the forefront of inclusion," Menino told BostonHerald.com on May 19.

It's a strange world indeed when the leader of a major American city like Boston can say all in one breath, "We're a city that's at the forefront of inclusion," and "Chick-fil-A doesn't belong in Boston."

Which is it, mayor? Blume, the editor who conducted the original interview with Cathy, was stunned at the way the pro-homosexual groups and mainstream news media twisted the story. He described their representations as "distorted," and criticized the news coverage as an attempt to turn a positive story into something negative to fit their political agenda.

It's becoming abundantly clear that pro-homosexual groups and their supporters in the mainstream news media are moving to a new tactic in their open war for total and unquestioned acceptance. One no longer has to be militantly and publicly "anti-gay." One only needs to offer the smallest of support or encouragement to a group or groups that hold a different opinion, and one is automatically "anti-gay."

If one favors traditional marriage, such an attitude is automatically "anti-gay." If one protests the teaching of sexual lifestyles of any persuasion to first graders, such conduct is automatically "anti-gay." If one is uncomfortable with the perversions openly and proudly exhibited during gay pride parades, such a feeling is "anti-gay."

It's a short trip from "anti-gay" to being marginalized as an uncaring bigot, dangerous homophobe, proud Neanderthal, and social misfit — and the marginalization/demonization of those who hold different views is the goal, isn't it?

Just ask Dan Cathy.

In search of lasting peace

When we hear a reference to peace on the television news, we think of an end to war — a time when nations cease hostilities with their enemies. That is man's peace.

Peace came at the end of World War I, which was to be the war to end all wars. It came at the end of World War II and with the cease fire in Korea. The Paris peace talks ended the Vietnam Conflict. Yet with all of these peace treaties, the nations of the world are still struggling with each other in a race to see who can raise the biggest army and create the deadliest weapons.

War only gives us poverty, depression, suffering, hatred, and death. It has never given us permanent peace. After thousands of years on earth, we are not nearer to peace than our warring ancestors of ancient history.

Jerusalem is held sacred by three religions, yet has seen its share of war. The city has been attacked by the Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Persians, Muslims, Turks, Crusaders, and the British. Oddly, it has not escaped conflict even though the Prince of Peace was crucified there.

At the end of World War II, 50 countries met to establish the United Nations in order to promote peace throughout the world. During the organizational meeting, there was no mention of God nor were any prayers lifted for guidance and blessings so as not to upset the communist countries. Is it any wonder that the United Nations has been so ineffective?

The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded annually to the person thought to have promoted peace and understanding among nations. Much acclaim has been given to the Nobel Prize, but peace still eludes us.

We can see that man's peace is short-lived.

Many people are at war with themselves. They are seeking peace in their workplaces, marriages, and families. They tend to believe they can find peace in a few cocktails or from a plastic prescription bottle.

A person might live in peaceful surroundings but be filled with inner turmoil and confusion. Likewise, a person



Guest opinion

with Charles Hendrix

might live in an environment of utter chaos and yet have a spiritual peace deep within his soul. That's God's peace.

The world has lacked peace since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. Sin took away our peace. The biblical idea of peace is not just the absence of war, but the way God intended things to be — the well-being and flourishing of mankind. The Hebrew word for peace is shalom, which translates to health and well-being.

Near the end of his ministry on earth, Jesus Christ promised His followers that He would leave them with His peace: "Peace I leave with you: My peace I give to you not as the world gives... let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

Would we feel at peace if we were sitting in the city jail? Paul was in prison yet wrote to his friends in Philippi, "The peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds." (Phil. 4:7) Peace is the last thing that should have been on his mind, but he was a follower of Jesus and felt His peace.

Sin and peace cannot work together. The only peace that will endure is one made at Calvary 2,000 years ago. If you're searching for peace in your daily life, you must surrender your sinful nature to Jesus. He graciously offers peace to all who accept it "through the blood of His cross." (Col. 1:20)

We must never stop telling the story of His peace!

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Chick-fil-A article author criticizes news coverage

CARY, N.C. (BP and local reports) — As national debate continues to swirl around comments made by Chick-fil-A's president during a recent interview with the editor of North Carolina Baptists' news journal, that editor is describing many media reports of his conversation with the company's president as "distorted."

During a call-in radio interview July 19 with WORD-FM in Pittsburgh, K. Allan Blume described his conversation with Chick-fil-A's Dan Cathy as "very positive," unlike how it is being portrayed in a variety of news reports.

Baptist Press (sbcbaptistpress.org) re-posted the original story July 16, which was published in The Biblical Recorder's July 7 issue and posted on its website (brnow.org). The Baptist Record, newsjournal of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, picked up the Baptist Press feed and published the article on page three of the July 19 issue.

After Baptist Press re-posted the story, related articles soon surfaced in the Huffington Post, Associated Press, USA Today, Los Angeles Times, Fox News, and other news agencies — some of which ran articles with "anti-gay" in the headline.

Many of those reports "turned [the original story] into a negative," said Blume, adding the term "anti-gay" never came up in the June interview while Cathy was speaking in the Raleigh, N.C., area.

"He was not saying 'guilty as charged anti-gay,'" Blume added. "[Cathy] never even brought up that subject. Everything he stated was on the positive side. He never stated anything negative."

Blume asked Cathy about the company's support of the traditional family, and Cathy responded, "Well, guilty as charged."

In the interview Cathy went on to say, "We are very much supportive of the family — the biblical definition of the family unit. We are a family-owned business, and we are married to our first wives. We give God thanks for that."

Blume expressed his surprise at how standing up for traditional family values in today's politically correct society has become code for hate speech.

"I don't understand why that's a bad thing all of a sudden," he told the radio hosts. "It was not an anti-gay



BLUME

"They're very positive. This is basically an All-American organization that's worked hard and been very successful, and yet, they're painted to be very anti-American or something worse than that. They don't shut anybody out from their restaurant... they welcome everyone."

— North Carolina Baptists' news journal editor K. Allan Blume



CATHY

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— Chick-fil-A statement

statement. It was a pro-family statement. Sadly even some religious press organizations have published that as an anti-gay statement."

Blume added that during their conversation Cathy also said, "We're a business that serves the public, all people are welcomed into Chick-fil-A, and frankly we do not feel called to weigh in on a lot of social activism that's taking place as it relates to the

definition of the family, but we do definitely want to encourage strong families."

Blume, who has not been in touch with Cathy or the company since the story was first published, referred to Chick-fil-A as a "class organization."

"They're very positive," he said. "This is basically an All-American organization that's worked hard and been very successful, and yet, they're

painted to be very anti-American or something worse than that. They don't shut anybody out from their restaurant... they welcome everyone."

After controversy arose in the national news media, the company issued a statement that read, "The Chick-fil-A culture and service tradition in our restaurants is to treat every person with honor, dignity and respect — regardless of their belief, race, creed, sexual orientation or gender. Going forward, our intent is to leave the policy debate over same-sex marriage to the government and political arena."

Shortly after the article broke in the national news media, Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino told BostonHerald.com that he will fight to keep the restaurant chain out of Massachusetts' capital city, even if it means withholding government permits.

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Referring to a location that Chick-fil-A has been scouting near a popular tourist attraction in Boston, Menino said in the BostonHerald.com article, "That's the Freedom Trail. That's where it all started right here. And we're not going to have a company, Chick-fil-A or whatever the (expletive deleted) the name is, on our Freedom Trail."

Northeastern University in Boston recently bowed to pressure from pro-homosexual groups, including the student senate, and cancelled plans to consider a Chick-fil-A restaurant on campus.

Massachusetts is currently host to two Chick-fil-A restaurants, in Burlington and Peabody.

There are apparently small movements afoot to ban Chick-fil-A restaurants from Mississippi's public universities, generating a handful of letters to the editors of campus newspapers and petition drives on web sites.

Editor's note: Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino's expletive was deleted by the editor of The Baptist Record. The full quote ran in the original article from BostonHerald.com.

Chaplain at homosexual wedding resigns So. Baptist endorsement

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP and local reports) — The U.S. Air Force chaplain who attended a same sex civil union that took place in June at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey has notified chaplaincy leaders at the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board (NAMB) that he is leaving the convention's chaplaincy program.

"Southern Baptists love and pray for our chaplains. That being said, we only want to endorse chaplains who can support Baptist doctrine and

belief without reservation," said Kevin Ezell, NAMB's president.

Referring to a military policy recently discarded by the Obama administration, Ezell pointed out, "When it comes to what our chaplains believe and practice, we do ask and we do expect them to tell."

NAMB chaplaincy leaders contacted Air Force Chaplain (Col.) Timothy Wagoner after an Associated Press article appeared in early July describing him as "watching supportively" during the civil

union. At the time, Wagoner indicated to NAMB he did not support the ceremony. He also gave assurances of his support for the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and for the biblical definition of one man, one woman marriage.

However, Wagoner said in the Associated Press article, "I wouldn't miss it. I don't feel I'm compromising my beliefs. ...I'm supporting the community."

He also told the Associated Press reporter that he was not willing to go as far as officiat-

ing at the ceremony.

"If an SBC chaplain concludes he cannot conduct his ministry in harmony with SBC beliefs and doctrine, then it is best to part ways," Ezell said.

Wagoner notified NAMB of his decision July 19. Other details of Wagoner's departure were not included in the statement from NAMB.

As part of its endorsement process, NAMB assesses chaplain candidates based on their doctrine, beliefs, ministry experience, and their history as Southern Baptists.

Each applicant is required to indicate agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, the Southern Baptist doctrinal belief statement.

The United States military requires that all of its chaplains have the endorsement of an established faith group.

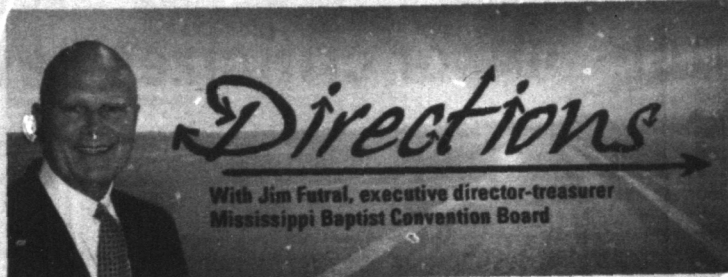
NAMB is the endorsing entity for chaplains on behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are 1,450 Southern Baptist chaplains serving the United States Armed Services.

Have you noticed that across our state and, in fact, especially across the Southland there is place after place called Pleasant. If you just watch for them, you are almost shocked by how many there are. There are Pleasant Hills, Pleasant Ridges, Pleasant Valleys, Pleasant Groves, and Mount Pleasants. I do not think that I have been to all of the Pleasant places in Mississippi, but I have been to a large number of them. At a few of them I have wondered how, why, or who would have named the place Pleasant something.

Why would early pioneers moving into an area, carving out a life in the wilderness, and building a little two or three room log cabin hut call a place Pleasant? What would compel them to do that? Sometimes the terrain is not particularly beautiful or appealing and at other times, the Pleasant place is so removed from anybody and everything that you wonder what was happening within them to call this Pleasant. Therein may be the key.

The Bible is filled with pleasant words. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (Ps. 133:1). "Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant (Ps. 135:3). "Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Prov. 16:24).

For many of the pleasant experiences in life, it boils down to the pleasantness that you find in your own heart and in your relationships with folks around you. Apart from finding a pleasant place within you



Pleasant Things

and pleasant connections with those just outside of you, it would not matter and does not matter where you are. It is not necessarily pleasant if you are having internal turmoil or external friction. You could live in a multimillion-dollar home overlooking the beauty of the Pacific Ocean and it would not be pleasant. You could have a beautiful mountain chalet in the Rockies or the Smokies and it would not be pleasant.

In James, the brother of our Lord Jesus was led of the Holy Spirit but surely he knew what he was talking about when he wrote in his little book, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in

peace of them that make peace" (Jam. 3:17-18). While I love our state and I love these pleasant designations, as I have visited and seen so many of the pleasant places in Mississippi I am convinced that the name of the place may say more about the character and the content of the folks who moved in there and named it that than it has to do with the climate, contour of the terrain, or even the control of crime and lawbreakers in the area.

No doubt, some of our great folks of the past moved into an area and saw it as pleasant because they brought a pleasant approach to life with them. Through the years, I have been amazed by the strange contradictions that I have seen in folks. For there have been times when I have run into people who had every reason in the world to complain, and yet they

were as pleasant and content as anyone I have ever known. Conversely, I have known people who seemingly had no reason whatsoever to have a bad attitude or a rotten view of life and yet they could not find one pleasant drawer in the compartment of their heart.

The first fulltime church that called me to be their pastor was in a community called Pleasant Ridge and the church was Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. It was a community built on a ridge in the rolling hills of northeast Mississippi. It was and still is beautiful country. What I discovered at that place was not just beautiful land but lovely people. They were then and still are pleasant people. I did not say that they were perfect people, but they were pleasant people. I was a young, inexperienced, and little educated preacher, and yet those pleasant people listened to me, loved, tolerated, taught, and untempered me with their pleasantness.

Now here seems to be the key. James tells us that the people who find peace are pleasant people. They are the people who are sowing peace. Do you get it? If you live on Ill Tempered Street or Chaos Avenue, it is not so much a name but your attitude that is shaping the place. Or to think of it in a different way, you may be the one who is providing the descriptive name for where you are. If that is true, today would be a good day to change the name by changing your approach to life. Pleasant is a good place to live.

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SHOOTING

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He will walk this road with them if they will only turn to Him," the pastor said.

As is often the case after a significant loss of life, Hamilton has been asked, "Where was God in all this?" His answer, quite simply, is that "God is here."

"He is with each one walking

this road and He offers His presence to any who will call upon Him," Hamilton said. "He was with the injured and the medical teams as they sought to preserve life. He was with the first responders as they responded to the call to save lives."

Hamilton said the greatest need for the community is prayer. "The wounds that have been inflicted are too deep to be healed by words or resources. There are

plenty who would offer both. We need the Spirit of God to fall on Aurora, draw her people to Him, and lead them into a personal relationship with Christ."

Hamilton asked prayers that the church members would have:

- opportunity to minister in the community.
- ability to share the love of Christ with hurting people.
- grace to care for those directly touched by the shooting.

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Need a light?

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Christ today, contact a local Southern Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the

HOUSE TOPS

Matthew 10:27 NAS

July 26, 2012

HouseTops is a Baptist Record supplement produced by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Communication Services.

Pray this day for...

July 27 — August 9, 2012

"...And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?..." - Romans 10:14 & 15

Pray for: **Lane* Vance**, IMB missionary ministering to European Peoples in France through evangelism.

Pray for: **David* and Regina* White**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in the United States through church planting, church and home outreach, and evangelism.

Pray for: **Floyd and Sylvia* Wingo**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Brazil through church and home outreach, and evangelism.

Pray for: **Paul and Donna* Worsham**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Mexico through church planting, church and home outreach, and evangelism.

Pray for: **Arnold* and Margie* Austin**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Peru through church and home outreach and encounter evangelism.

Pray for a team of six from **Park Place BC, Pearl**, traveling to Russia for a Leadership retreat from 7/27-8/8.

Pray for a team of 12 from **Jackson County BA** traveling to Alaska to minister through construction and evangelism from 7/27-8/7.

Pray for a team of 13 from **FBC, Winona**, traveling to Costa Rica to minister through medical missions from 7/28-8/4.

Pray for: **David and Laurie* Pledsoe**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Brazil through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Donald* and Teresa* Toits**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in the United States through church and home outreach evangelism and agriculture missions.

Pray for: **Matthew* and Megan* Brewer**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Hungary through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Kaye Brooks***, IMB missionary ministering to American Peoples in Chile through church planting.

Pray for: **John and Claudia* Brown**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in Malawi through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Richard and Martha* Beal**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in the United States through church and home outreach and serving through financial administration.

Pray for a team of six from **Highland Colony BC, Ridgeland**, traveling to Montana on 8/4-8/11.
Pray for a team of three from **Hillcrest BC, Byram**, traveling to Nicaragua to minister through medical and evangelism ministries on 8/4-8/11.

*These International Mission Board missionaries claim Mississippi as their home state. The IMB missionaries listed in the HouseTops prayer calendar are currently active in 2-4 year terms or in career service.

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Telling the Story — Using Special Events effectively

Generations today — Where are we going?
Disaster Relief — Intro & Basic Chaplaincy

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ADAMS	1,491.00	3,901.99	5,392.99
CLAY	16,202.05	8,233.47	24,435.52
ELF TEMPLE	939.00	2,063.00	2,002.00
BLANFIELD	75,545.72	600.00	144,356.66
FINNATON	15,246.01	1,121.95	26,008.94
HIGHLAND	1,653.47	1,572.50	9,030.47
INMAN	1,500.90	57.58	18,482.48
MCCANN TOWN	34,649.11	23,649.72	58,298.83
SPRINGFIELD	2,509.60	2,180.40	4,698.00
STANTON	8,947.74	8,481.99	17,429.73
WASHINGTON	8,728.02	8,481.99	16,930.01
Total	178,878.09	146,530.91	325,409.00

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CALVARY	1,491.00	3,901.99	5,392.99
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CRANFIELD	939.60	1,000.00	1,939.60
PIC NATHAN	75,545.27	60,010.99	144,556.06
HEATZ	13,246.01	11,001.93	24,247.94
WILSON	1,053.47	1,000.00	2,053.47
WILSON	11,802.91	7,575.58	19,408.49
PARSONS	34,631.11	23,006.77	57,637.88
SPRINGFIELD	599.60	2,488.40	3,088.00
STANTON	6,947.74	8,401.99	15,349.73
WASSERSTON	7,278.00	205.36	7,483.36
Total	178,818.30	146,849.98	325,668.28

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ALCON			
ANTHONY	3,926.51	2,762.46	11,693.92
BETHLEHEM	2,120.46	3,971.58	6,034.04
CHERRY CREEK	4,033.40	4,033.40	3,980.90
CLAVARY	815.21	3,450.63	4,284.94
CO. J. N. LANE	3,000.00	3,405.00	3,765.00
CO. J. N. LANE CHURCH	3,000.00	3,405.00	3,765.00
DANVILLE	70.00	500.00	2,000.00
D. C. CORNISH	41,038.81	41,038.81	41,038.81
DR. B. C. CORNISH	2,851.84	4,317.00	11,152.20
DR. C. CORNISH	118,749.40	157,163.41	175,935.01
GRANDVILLE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
HINNALE	2,801.39	2,862.39	2,861.38
HOPE	2,088.18	16,827.45	24,165.41
LAKEVIEW	770.00	770.00	770.00
LAMPS CHAPEL	962.50	2,439.50	3,420.00
LEWISVILLE	3,870.00	3,870.00	3,870.00
MASSIE FIRST	2,822.00	3,648.00	7,208.00
MASSIE SECOND	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
LOVE CHURCH	181.26	681.26	700.00
NORTH CORNISH		250.00	300.00
OSAGE	45,342.97	107,119.18	131,434.88
RED CREEK	994.89	1,019.18	1,201.13
REDFORD	4,446.82	10,719.18	14,465.97
SELMA	2,862.56	2,862.56	2,862.56
SOUTH CORNISH	400.00	1,500.00	2,180.00
ST. THOMAS CH. OF PEPEL	21,846.65	33,163.47	55,012.17
ST. COLUMBA	1,915.58	2,973.38	6,088.54
ST. JAMES	3,463.07	3,463.07	3,463.07
UNION	114.88	455.25	574.40
UNIVERSITY	3,363.07	7,759.39	11,119.66
WHEELER GROVE	50,512.10	50,512.10	50,512.10
Total	295,303.40	285,836.02	581,139.90

TOTAL		
ASSOCIATION		\$25,000
BEAR CREEK	850.00	571.00
BOWEN	181.45	1,021.00
IRWIN	53.43	3,038.97
JACKSON RIDGE	243.00	574.40
COUNTY LINE	243.00	563.00
DON SPRINGS	1,265.00	3,428.00
BENZER	1,112.25	2,511.00
FRANKFORD	3,564.00	6,144.00
HARVEST POINT CHURCH	7,057.81	16,829.85
HOPE	8,660.50	79,000.00
SALEM	600.00	1,565.00
MEADOWS	1,529.89	2,051.81
NEWCASTLE	4,970.25	9,195.64
MCCLURE	344.72	11,538.00
NEW HOPE	180.00	667.00
MCCLURE	509.00	354.77
NORTH UNION	5,012.00	1,800.00
PARWAY	5,129.88	16,638.13
WILSON REST	5,012.00	31,130.00
SALIS	4,520.00	14,886.70
AND HILL	1,739.76	5,399.40
WILSON	2,994.56	3,917.70
SPRINGDALE	2,994.56	8,030.00
WILLIAMSVILLE	22,811.20	2,825.00
WILSON	881.70	1,285.40
WILSON	881.70	1,285.40
Total	158,474.93	344,290.01

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MOHUN	1,532.00	860.00	2,392.00
ANTHROCH	2,661.93	2,269.53	4,931.46
BENTLEY		1,010.00	1,010.00
DEATHY	3,870.00	8,007.20	11,877.20
DEWITT	1,352.00		1,352.00
DEWITT CHAPEL	5,467.19	10,611.34	16,078.53
COLLIER HILL	3,840.00	5,500.00	9,340.00
CONCORD	4,991.74	1,167.00	6,158.74
COONA	1,058.63		1,058.63
DRIVERS FAY		817.20	817.20
ELK HILL	1,414.00		1,414.00
ELAND		6,735.03	6,735.03
EMERSON	30,000.00	23,830.96	53,830.96
FAULKIN CITY		22,995.33	22,995.33
FRUIT PITTSBURG	847.45		847.45
GRACE	22,590.00	11,068.51	33,658.51
GRACE SOUTHERN BAPTIST			
LANIER	897.50	787.50	1,685.00
GREENSBORO	1,943.48		1,943.48
MEDWAY	1,238.66		1,238.66
MT COMFORT	3,633.72	4,444.69	8,078.41
MT CUMBERLAND	3,000.00	9,010.00	12,010.00
MT TABOR	500.00		500.00
NEW HAVEN	918.00	927.00	1,845.00
NEW PROVIDENCE	1,167.29		1,167.29
OLDTOWN	4,015.66	4,129.43	8,145.10
ORANGE	1,499.98		1,499.98
PRIGRIMS BAPT	1,785.00	568.38	2,353.38
PLEASANT GROVE		94.40	94.40
PLEASANT HILL	11,338.00	12,146.47	23,484.47
PLEASANT RIDGE	528.57	1,025.99	1,554.56
PLEASANT VALLEY	1,042.60		1,042.60
POCAHONTAS	1,000.00		1,000.00
POCAHONTAS CHAPEL		1,170.00	1,170.00
POCAHONTAS HILL	1,678.17	2,130.97	3,809.14
REOLA	1,122.22	1,710.97	2,833.19
REOLA CHAPEL	1,122.22	6,750.62	7,872.84
SHILOH	56.00	87.88	143.88
SHILOH CREEK			
SHILOH DISTRICT	85.00		85.00
	156,073.73	163,442.62	319,496.20

BLACK HAWK	650.13	650.13	1,300.26
LAUREL	1,856.22	2,488.10	4,344.32
ABERDEEN	11,221.91	38,076.75	49,298.67
ENTERVILLE	661.27	1,200.00	1,861.27
OLA	840.62	2,171.84	3,012.46
HICKORY GROVE	250.00	11,350.00	11,600.00

	Coop.	Other	Total
HILL VIEW	600.00	3,083.41	3,683.41
LEADY	5,016.89	6,175.16	11,192.06
MAKAMON	1,542.33	1,542.33	3,084.66
MCANALLY	3,342.00	1,964.00	5,306.00
MCANALLY	2,759.66	1,964.00	4,723.66
MT PEGAS	6,676.23	3,823.10	10,499.33
NEW BETHEL	7,116.21	3,700.08	10,816.29
NEW BETHEL	1,616.77	824.54	2,441.31
NORTH CARROLLTON	6,361.77	5,476.03	11,797.80
ORANGE	2,986.26	2,986.26	5,972.52
PRINCEDALE	2,963.00	6,244.00	9,207.00
VALLEY HILL	22,703.82	26,841.86	49,545.68
VALLEY HILL	383.00	383.00	766.00
Total	80,044.61	136,701.75	216,746.37
CHICKSAW			
AMITY	2,239.46	2,239.46	4,478.92
ARROW GROVE	3,558.38	6,611.50	10,169.88
BETHEL	3,137.04	3,137.04	6,274.08

LOT 1	1,099.05	912.00	2,011.05
LOT 2	-	400.00	400.00
LOT 3	7,416.51	2,386.41	9,802.92
LOT 4	51,801.61	19,274.71	71,076.32
LOT 5	14,948.45	5,305.41	20,253.86
LOT 6	637.36	-	637.36
FELLOWSHIP	-	841.00	841.00
MIT OLN	728.10	1,436.00	2,214.10
NEW PROSPECT	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
PARKWAY	8,486.36	22,313.36	30,800.00
PLEASANT GROVE	1,630.00	2,065.00	3,695.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	900.00	1,310.00	2,210.00
ROCKY HOLE VALLEY	100.00	100.00	200.00
SHILOH	1,052.59	7,225.40	8,277.99
VAN VLIET	721.00	190.00	911.00
Total	100,276.81	63,912.84	164,189.65

ASHCRAW	9,000.00	16,327.32	25,327.32
BETTELHORN	1,500.00	435.28	1,935.28
BILLY SPRINGS	1,000.00	150.00	1,150.00
BLUTHKE	1,050.00	2,200.00	3,250.00
CHASTEN	1,250.00	1,440.00	2,690.00
CONCORD	561.52	1,601.52	2,163.04
DEWITT	1,512.41	732.41	2,244.82
FELLOWSHIP	1,512.38	2,175.49	3,687.87
FENTRESS	1,000.00	940.00	1,940.00
FRANCIS CAMP	1,200.00	1,100.00	2,300.00
HOPWELL	4,016.00	760.00	4,776.00
JACKSON	1,712.48	1,112.48	2,824.96
MC KEACH	1,887.45	2,716.65	4,604.10
MT PLEASANT	2,463.35	9,209.78	11,673.13
NEW HAVEN	965.72	3,688.56	4,654.28
OLD MT PLEASANT		1,000.00	1,000.00
PROVIDENCE		3,784.56	3,784.56
REDECK	3,239.27	2,184.54	5,423.81
WATER	5,729.29	4,451.91	10,181.20
TOTAL	41,838.36	63,017.59	104,855.95

ASSOCIATION	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81
ANTIOCH	678.60	100.00	100.00
BUCATINCA	1,643.44	1,592.00	1,375.40
CAVALIER	1,626.76	2,782.00	3,218.76
CENTER RIDGE	1,000.00	982.00	1,000.00
DESOTO	7,008.78	9,952.00	16,967.20
ELM & PLEASANT GROVE	2,000.00	2,518.00	3,140.00
ELM	2,000.00	2,518.00	3,140.00
ENTERPRISE	15,105.08	14,681.81	31,786.89
FRUIT CREEK	1,000.00	47.64	67,928.19
FRUIT STONEWALL	6,633.71	7,727.71	8,849.84
GARCON	1,573.68	3,516.56	7,430.24
GREEN HILL	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
HEPZHABAR	1,579.38	1,979.00	4,908.38
HOPE	200.00	200.00	200.00
MONT ROSE	200.00	200.00	1,106.00
MY ZION	894.66	2,999.00	3,000.00
NORTH C H A P E L	1,186.33	1,186.33	4,170.88
OLIVE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
OAK GROVE	300.00	368.50	1,083.30
PLACITA	1,531.53	3,000.00	2,450.00
PLACITA	1,531.53	3,000.00	2,450.00
PINE GROVE	1,969.00	695.00	695.00
PINE GROVE	1,969.00	3,311.21	7,541.53
PLEASANT GROVE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
PLEASANT HILL	10,517.86	10,476.15	20,994.01
ROLLING CREEK	6,927.92	1,227.60	8,155.52
ROSEDALE	2,115.29	2,626.00	6,998.59
SOLICEN	1,278.13	1,278.13	1,278.13
UNION GROVE	8,920.28	14,441.64	23,294.61

	143,994.98	139,275.51	283,270.49
TOPKAT			
ANTHONY	2,800.52	175.00	2,975.52
BETHEL	6,190.00	6,663.15	12,853.15
COUNTY LINE	600.00	3,205.00	3,805.00
CR		1,700.79	1,700.79
THE HAZEL SPRINGS	64,311.31	22,472.25	118,783.56
CH	9,999.99		32,472.23
CALAMIA			3,730.00
ATVILLAGE	3,563.61	1,917.86	5,481.47
THE CROWN	4,461.86	5,629.31	10,091.17
HANCOCK			5,449.00
CH AND	2,500.00	6,963.16	9,463.16
CH		1,453.00	1,361.00
NEW PROVIDENCE	700.00		1,081.00
NEW ZEON	11,471.10	15,083.04	26,554.14
PLUM VILLY			1,000.00
PLUMING BEST	9,925.73	5,032.50	14,958.23
CH		1,277.81	2,500.00
POPPY SPRINGS	1,278.15		2,500.00
CH		120.00	175.00
ROCKY HILL			
CH	1,400.00	263.46	1,663.46
SHADY GROVE	241.35	3,000.00	3,241.35
CH	100.00	10.00	700.00
SPRING HILL			1,600.00
STRONG HOPE	11,867.00	8,572.95	20,439.95
WILSON	11,867.00	5,526.00	17,477.00
WESSON	15,499.99		23,839.74
WETTER	250.00		350.00
WILLIAMS	4,999.99	11,094.02	16,094.02
TOTAL	160,948.21	169,916.95	330,865.16

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HANLIN	172,783.86	187,395.54	360,179.40
BUNKLEY	110.55	95.00	510.55
CONCORD	1,589.00	200.00	2,544.00
DEERFIELD	2,249.17	2,130.00	4,379.17
EDGECOMB	428.00	600.00	640.00
FR. BLOK	9,447.45	4,672.35	14,119.80
HAMBLE	255.11	65.00	3,030.11
HOPKINS	1,582.91	2,280.00	3,862.91
LUCER	618.47	950.00	1,568.47
MCCALL CREEK	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
MEADVILLE	13,176.47	7,245.00	20,421.47
MITCHELL	794.51	574.00	574.00
NEW HITE	1,491.30	1,491.30	1,491.30
NEW SALEM	600.00	1,320.00	1,920.00
NEWTON	1,491.30	39.00	1,530.30
PLEASANT VALLEY	1,491.30	1,491.30	1,491.30
PROMIDENCE	4,243.46	3,078.19	8,321.65
SAWASH	118.41	118.41	118.41
SCOTCH	5,969.04	3,030.95	9,000.00
SHARPPA	4,073.00	2,546.94	6,620.00
SHOEN	2,400.00	4,405.00	6,805.00
SHOEN PRL	122.12	122.12	122.12
UNION	600.00	600.00	600.00
	53,905.06	36,097.75	92,002.81

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NEW BEGINNING	249.46	249.46	498.92
NEW HOPE	1,414.11	4,110.11	5,524.22
NORTH-SIDE		25.78	25.78
PIAVE	1,043.00	734.00	1,787.00
PINE LEVEL	523.41	277.81	801.22
PLEASANT HILL	1,961.00	3,490.00	5,451.00
ROCKY CREEK	36,972.00	75,373.00	66,345.00
SHADY CREEK	18,647.57	20,562.16	39,209.73
SILVER CREEK	1,209.41		1,024.41
SOUTH-SIDE		2,926.10	6,362.47
UNITY	3,438.64		
WEST SALEM	7,774.00	11,141.00	18,915.00
Total	215,203.41	205,402.81	420,606.22

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WALLACE	5,961.41	11,798.24	17,759.65
HOLLA SPRINGS	7,000.00	10,745.68	17,745.70
LONGVIEW	2,730.03	3,459.25	6,189.82
MOORE	2,730.03	6,550.44	9,280.47
MOORE CHAPEL	20,961.46	6,387.48	27,348.94
MURKIN	18,130.44	10,373.59	28,504.06
MIT ZION	1,350.00	1,350.00	2,700.00
MIT ZION	32,715.94	41,581.32	74,297.26
MURRAY CHAPEL	280.26	1,177.26	1,457.52
NEW COVENANT	1,100.00	1,100.00	2,200.00
NEW HOPKINSVILLE	2,406.60	3,992.70	6,399.30
NEWARK		809.00	809.00
NEWARK CHURCH	3,474.20	3,474.20	6,948.40
NEW SALEM	4,619.71	20,447.35	25,067.06
PHILIP	11,110.16	2,700.00	6,816.16
PHILIP	12,710.00	12,710.00	25,420.00
PLEASANT HILL	1,097.91	2,702.00	3,799.91
SELF COUNCIL	461.99	461.99	923.98
SELF COUNCIL CHAPEL	1,475.34	1,575.00	3,050.34
SELF COUNCIL	1,475.34	1,575.00	3,050.34
TOAM	4,137.87	4,435.45	8,573.32
TOAM CHURCH FAITH	1,475.34	1,575.00	3,050.34
TRINITY	2,748.33	1,799.93	4,548.26
TRINITY	10,000.00	7,865.00	17,865.00
WEST END	3,000.00	1,615.24	4,615.24
WEST END	14,366.59	21,019.03	35,385.62

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GRACEWOOD	1,200.00	1,351.90	1,153.90
GRACE HARRINGTON	1,200.00	300.00	1,200.00
GRACE CHAPEL	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
GRACE MEMORIAL	22,407.36	15,057.28	37,464.64
GRACE LIGHTS	7,744.53	4,300.00	1,047.54
HANDSOME	51.06	8,500.00	15,643.43
HIGHLAND	51.06	350.00	351.06
HIGHLAND	51.06	500.00	500.00
HIGHWAY MEMORIAL	4,273.28	5,415.57	9,688.85
HIGHWAY HARBOR	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
NEWPORT	11,217.35	11,122.28	22,339.63
NORTH HILLS	320.43	699.33	1,020.76
NORTH LONG BEACH	351.99	532.00	6,463.53
OLIVE	600.00	312.00	600.00
PASS ROAD	600.00	600.00	600.00
PENNINGTON	1,256.36	4,707.29	1,064.21
PINE HILL	2,006.95	1,199.00	1,205.95
PINE HILL	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ROSEWOOD	4,762.28	2,323.00	7,115.28
SUCCESS	1,500.00	2,513.78	500.00
THIRTY	437.92	117.20	117.20
THIRTY	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,600.00
THIRTY	1,315.53	686.39	2,162.14
WELL GUARD	170.79	285.00	285.00
WOODLAND	19,866.05	5,815.51	25,681.56
WOODLAND	454,964.76	328,810.53	783,775.28

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	Comp. Programs	Other	Total
TEANAHUAH			
ANTIOCH	1,599.75	1,000.00	2,599.75
CANAVY	500.00		500.00
DORSEY	1,350.00	111.00	1,461.00
FLORIAN	934.86	248.30	1,183.16
FLORIAN	271.35	175.00	446.35
FLORIAN	13,951.41		13,951.41
GREENVILLE	1,275.52	1,617.99	2,893.51
LAKE AND	1,000.00		1,000.00
MORNING VIEW	2,000.00	2,617.00	4,617.00
NEW HAVEN	1,315.26	500.42	1,815.68
POTTER SPRINGS	1,635.24		1,635.24
POWELL	1,612.00	619.00	2,231.00
PRINCEDALE	2,000.00		2,000.00
SALENA	724.63	892.38	1,617.01
SHILOH	8,623.00	2,037.00	10,660.00
TRINITY	20,463.72	2,509.01	22,972.73
Total	61,298.70	32,114.73	93,413.43

ARSON			
ARLINGTON HTS	22,663.08	29,392.16	51,855.24
BELL CLINTON	10,681.24	6,796.55	17,477.79
CALWAY	1,509.48	2,996.40	4,505.88
CAMBRIDGE	7,112.84	3,062.84	10,175.68
CLARK POINT	10,681.24	1,000.00	11,681.24
EASTLAWN	933.68	1,928.35	2,862.03
ELMWOOD	1,535.68	2,607.79	4,143.47
SCOTTDALE	20,684.10	1,900.00	22,584.10
F.R. CAUTER	41,141.11	43,041.47	84,182.58
CLARK CENTER	1,656.30	5,523.50	7,179.80
MCCOY POINT	1,656.30	2,550.00	4,206.30
F.R. OF OCEAN SPRINGS	17,456.88	11,449.00	28,905.88
ORANGE GROVE	8,919.10	1,149.00	10,068.10
F.R. PASADENA	89,919.10	9,996.00	99,915.10
F.R. VAN LAURE	21,536.86	53,626.41	75,163.27
W. 261 STREET		179.43	179.43
P.O. MILMIL CREEK	100.00		100.00
FRANKLIN CREEK	11,818.03	2,322.44	14,140.47
SPRINGWOOD FIELDS	2,322.44	6,746.01	9,068.45
GRACELAND	3,620.01	4,136.00	7,756.01
W. 261 STREET	17,366.00	16,582.00	33,948.00
INGALLS AVENUE	17,366.00	17,324.00	34,690.00
KNOXDALE	2,939.00	2,513.00	5,452.00
W. 261 STREET	10,000.00	2,007.00	12,007.00
LEWISNEY BLVD	10,000.00	2,007.00	12,007.00
LYLIE OCHARD	852.29	2,238.14	3,090.43
MARTIN	933.68	1,928.35	2,862.03
MCCLELLAN ROAD	600.00	1,978.24	2,578.24
MIDWAY	587.76	1,139.84	1,727.60
PARADISE	20,684.10	1,900.00	22,584.10
PATHWAY	132.16	123.75	255.91
PINE LAKE	690.00	2,492.66	3,182.66
PROGRESSANCE	1,426.75	426.75	1,853.50
RANSAY HTS	4,266.75	426.75	4,693.50
RED CREEK HOLLOW	1,426.75	1,896.00	3,322.75
RED CLIFF HEIGHTS	1,426.75	1,896.00	3,322.75
RIVERSIDE	9,711.49	2,707.52	12,419.01
W. 261 STREET	10,740.53	5,575.50	16,316.03
WALD	1,426.75	1,896.00	3,322.75
WOODHAVEN	2,117.05	1,158.53	3,275.58
	399,774.00	418,705.20	818,479.60

ANTHR	6,180.22	2,035.00	8,135.22
ANY SPRINGS	37,126.63	684.13	100,774.80
BETHANY	86.00	1,851.01	1,695.01
CAUMAR	284.00	739.09	2,117.18
CHAMBERS	1,773.22	6,825.14	6,480.14
CELEDAAR	25.00	235.00	260.00
COON	13,970.00	6,847.95	20,827.77
DON	150.00	845.00	1,000.00
FAR RIVER	1,248.00	1,260.00	1,260.00
FLC MOSS	1,809.55	3,260.25	4,369.80
FLC MOUNTAIN HILL	1,809.55	3,260.25	4,369.80
FELLOWSHIP	3,920.84	1,591.00	5,111.84
FELLSBURG	3,967.00	1,000.00	7,857.00
FLS COMMO	2,762.79	951.00	5,093.79
LOREY	46.00	1,200.00	1,410.00
LIBERTY	1,905.14	1,177.76	3,802.90
LYNN	1,805.21	2,938.83	7,448.04
MAYNARD	1,805.21	2,938.83	8,166.41
MT NERO	2,095.81	948.00	1,043.81
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- Guest evangelist will be Dr. Brett Golson. Leading in music will be Rev. Tim Morrison. Tommy Broom is pastor.

We welcome you to any and all of these events.

Agricultural Development Foundation and Agricultural Fellowship to meet

JACKSON, Ms. (Special) — The Agricultural Development Foundation and Agricultural Fellowship will meet at First Church, Clinton, on August 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and adjourning at 3 p.m. Francis Horton III will be the guest speaker.

Horton grew up in Wesson and graduated from Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, then received a B.S. degree in computer science from Mississippi State University in Starkville.

After graduating from Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson in 1987, he served as staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice until 1994.

Horton married Angie Hart in 1984 and they have four children: Kennedy, Katy, Kelsey, and Konner.

The Hortons were led by God to serve overseas with the International Mississippi Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and in 1995 landed in Pakistan where

they served for seven years. They also served in Thailand for 6 years and India for one year, and now reside in Singapore.

During their service overseas, Horton has directed responses to several major disasters and worked in community development projects. He has served as Baptist Global Response area director for central and south Asia since 2007.

At the meeting in Clinton, Horton will address clean water access in remote areas of central Asia where it is a matter of life and death, especially for children, and how Mississippi Baptists can be involved in those projects.

Lunch at the meeting will be catered at a cost of \$10 per person, which may be paid upon arrival.

For more information, contact Carol Wright in the Men's Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 292-3334 or toll free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651 ext. 334. E-mail: cwright@mbcb.org.

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Clue: B = L

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Mark One: Fifteen

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GIFTS OF HONOR AND MEMORY

A portion of The Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor with taste and respect those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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Family Feud • Judges 9:1-9, 14-15, 56-57

This lesson is the third of six in the unit entitled "People in Crisis." The unit emphasizes the need for adults to demonstrate fidelity to the Lord during crisis times. The goal of the lesson is to help adults recognize characteristics and consequences of selfish ambition and choose one way they will demonstrate self-giving service.

1. Beware Manipulative Appeals (Judg. 9:1-6)

After Jerub-Baal (aka Gideon) died, his son, Abimelek, made a grab for power motivated by selfish ambition. He secured the full support of his mother's kinfolks in Shechem and the support of the rest of the city's inhabitants (9:1-4). Abimelek's first course of action was to assassinate his half-brothers, the 70 sons of Jerub-Baal (9:5a). We are told of the unexpected escape of Jotham, the youngest of the brothers (9:5b). For his murderous efforts, the citizens of Shechem and Beth Millo crowned Abimelek king (9:6).

2. Choose Self-Giving Service (Judg. 9:7-9)

Jotham hastened to the top of nearby Mount Gerizim and uttered his parable of the trees. Jotham chose three trees as examples of self-giving plants that nurtured both "gods and humans," the olive tree (9:9), the fig tree (9:10-11), and the vine (9:12-13). Each of these self-giving plants were invited to be king over the other trees; each declined because accepting the offer would result in a loss

of their olive oil, figs, and wine, respectively. They valued self-giving service more than selfish ambition and being made "king."

The noble plants, the olive tree, the fig tree, and the vine, represent noble people. Like the olive, fig, and vine, believers should choose a life of self-giving service to others over a life of shameless honor and titles acquired by selfish ambition.

3. Beware Offers of False Security (Judg. 9:14-15)

In desperation, the trees invited the useless thornbush to "come and be our king" (9:14). The thornbush responded by inviting the trees to "take refuge in my shade" (9:15a). How much shade could a knee-high thornbush possibly offer the towering trees? The thornbush was offering false security.

The remainder of 9:15 contains a curse uttered by the thornbush. Should the trees refuse the thornbush's offer of shade, then fire would go out from the thornbush and consume the "cedars of Lebanon," a catchphrase for the tallest and most desirable trees (see Ps.

104:16).

After delivering his parable of the trees, Jotham confronted Abimelek's treachery in killing Gideon's other sons. He personalized the thornbush's curse by applying it specifically to Abimelek's followers, "let fire come out of Abimelek and consume you," but he also reversed the curse on Abimelek, saying the fire of Shechem's and Beth Millo's citizens would

come out and consume Abimelek (9:16-21).

4. Beware the Consequences of Selfish Ambition (Judg. 9:56-57)

God stirred up animosity between Abimelek and his supporters after a brief three year reign, (9:23-24). The net result was the destruction of Shechem and its citizen's by Abimelek (9:25-49). Then Abimelek marched on Thebez. In both Shechem and Thebez, the inhabitants took refuge in the city towers. Abimelek was able to burn the Shechemites to death and intended to do the same thing to the Thebezites (9:50-51). Instead, a woman dropped a millstone on his head. Abimelek re-

quested his armor-bearer to kill him, so he would not die at the hands of a woman (9:52-55).

In the end the curse of Gideon's only surviving son, Jotham, had come upon Abimelek and his followers. The entire episode was viewed as God repaying Abimelek and the people of Shechem "for all their wickedness" (9:56-57).

What can we as Christians take away from this lesson and apply to our lives? First, we can avoid making manipulative appeals to others for the sake of selfish ambition. Abimelek's selfish ambition resulted in a murderous scheme. Second, we wisely can choose a life of self-giving service over temptations to self-glory. The thornbush in Jotham's parable was least eligible to be king, but jumped at the chance for unearned honor. Third, we can exercise discernment in distinguishing between true and false security, not letting selfish ambition blind us to the truth. Thornbushes do not provide shade. Finally, we can contemplate the devastating consequences of selfish ambition and choose instead to display our fidelity to the Lord during crisis times by pursuing self-giving service to others. Like Abimelek and the Shechemites, those who pursue selfish ambitions will come to ruin. At the end of the day, Jotham had won the family feud.

VanHorn is dean of Christian Studies at Mississippi College, Clinton.

Confident • Romans 8:14-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Ephesians 1:3-14

Personal security is the hot button topic in this age of mobility and informational technology. We are password protected, carded, keyed, security alarmed and insured. Feeling safe in all of the arenas of life is our goal. We spend hundreds of dollars on policies that cover our homes, vehicles, equipment, bodies, eyes and teeth. We look behind every bush with hyper-sensitivity, cautiously aware of that illusive "identity thief" who could clean us out of house and home with the stroke of one computer key. There seems to be no visible means of survival without the extended warranty plan. Some days I wish my "on-line" would "flat-line" and leave me to float past the worldwide web, through the blogosphere and right on into cyberspace. Earthly security is impossible. Heaven looks better every moment.

Together, we have explored the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He frees us from sin by the blood of Christ unto salvation. He gives us victory over the power of sin. He empowers us to walk daily in the Spirit. He provides spiritual wisdom as we seek to grow daily. Rejoice with me this Sunday as three of the New Testament letters of Paul explain why we can be confident and rest assured because of the work of the Holy Spirit. How blessed it is to know that we

can have confidence in the Holy Spirit. His security plan is outta this world!

IN EPHESIANS, PAUL DECLARES that the Holy Spirit is our guarantee of redemption in Christ. In verse thirteen and fourteen of chapter one, Paul reminds readers that once we have actively listened to the gospel and purposed to believe it, we are sealed in Christ with the Holy Spirit of promise. He is given as a down payment, proof of our eternal inheritance that can never be declared invaluable.

Raised in the seventies, I must admit that I have enjoyed some serious soul music. In 1970, Stevie Wonder was 20 years old and already famous. I was only 15 and still trying to learn to play the guitar. One of the musical wonders of Stevie was that familiar song, "Here I am, baby, signed, sealed, delivered...I'm yours!" The day I trusted in Jesus and signed my life over to Him, I

was delivered from sin and sealed with the Holy Spirit. No economic downturn. No inflation. No depression. No recession. I stand in the power of the resurrection. You can too!

IN ROMANS, PAUL DELIGHTS us with the promise that we can never be dis-owned or kicked out of the family of God. In verses fourteen through seventeen of that beloved chapter eight, Paul writes that those who are being led by the Spirit of God are true sons of God. We are adopted forever into the family of God. We inherit the same portion as Jesus, our joint-heir. We can call God our precious father. He will never set us aside without provision. Our lives will bring honor to the family name as we walk in the Spirit Who proves our spiritual family value.

Several years ago, I had the privilege of standing in the courtroom beside a dear sister in Christ as she officially filed pa-

pers for the adoption of her three year old foster child. I heard the gavel rap as the judge declared that he was now no longer a foster child but indeed her adopted son. My favorite line came from the little guy himself that night at prayer meeting as we made the joyful announcement of the completed adoption. When we asked him what had happened that day, he told our church family, "My mommy belongs to Me now!" How sweet to be loved and adopted into an earthly family. Hey! You are a child of Almighty God, the Father of All! The Holy Spirit says so.

IN CORINTHIANS, PAUL DESTROYS any doubt that might creep into our hearts as we ponder our own demise. Death is dusted by the truth of scripture penned in this letter. In verses one through five of the second letter to the Corinthians, we find confidence in the permanence of our heavenly abode versus the temporary tent stakes of Earth. Our home in Heaven with God will not be moveable or leased monthly. There will be no eviction notice. The Holy Spirit Himself is our pledge and our proof that we are redeemed, adopted and safely home.

Brown is the staff evangelist at First Church, Richland.

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College News

► LifeWay Worship and Blue Mountain College will join together to hold a Worship Choir Celebration on Aug. 18 on the BMC

campus. The day-long conference begins at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the day with workshops on fully integrating music with wor-

ship services. It is designed for pastors and ministers of music, worship leaders, choir directors, and worship choir members. The \$20 registra-

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Just for the Record



The dedicated WMU Mission Action Group of **PETAL-HARVEY CHURCH, PETAL**, made 97 salvation dolls to send to children in Costa Rica and Haiti.

TRINITY CHURCH, VICKSBURG, had a groundbreaking ceremony to begin work on a multipurpose building. Shown are pastor Ron Burch and members of the building committee.



Vacation Bible School



RIVER BEND, ABERDEEN: Shown are participants that bought Kool-Aid for the children at the Baptist Children's Village as a missions offering.



GRACE UNITED CHURCH, DECATUR: June 20-24; average attendance, 50. Mark McDonald, pastor.

In other Church News:

► **Neshoba Church, Union**, will host Second Mile at the church's fifth Sunday singing July 29 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a pot luck fellowship.

► **The Mississippi Baptist/Gilfoy School of Nursing Alumni Association Reunion** will be held Aug. 4 beginning with a continental breakfast at Baptist Health Services and continuing with a business meeting, followed by a luncheon to be held at the Masonic Lodge at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

► **First Church, Terry** recently exceeded its goal of \$1500 for the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village Offering by giving a final total of \$1576.01.

Revivals & Homecomings

► **Holcomb Church, Holcomb:** Revival, Aug. 5-8; Sun., Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Randy Buse, speaker; Kevin Tribble, music.

► **Banner Church, Calhoun County:** Revival, Aug. 5-8; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Bobby Douglas, speaker; Rocky Watts, music.

► **Pleasant Hill Church, Lincoln Association:** Homecoming, Aug. 5, 10 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; Adrian Fairchild, speaker; Debbie Hudson West, music.

► **Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville:** Revival, July 29 - Aug. 3; regular service times Sunday with dinner on the ground following morning worship; Mon. - Fri., 6:30 p.m.; Homecoming Aug. 12 with dinner on the ground; Ray Spence, speaker.

► **Mount Zion Church, Leake County:** Homecoming and cemetery fundraiser, Aug. 5, 10 a.m., followed by pot luck dinner; Wayne McGee, pastor and speaker.

► **Sunrise Church, Petal:** Homecoming, Aug. 5; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner; Stan Buckley, speaker; Ron McLain, pastor; R.E. Thompson, music director.

► **Bethany Church, Prentiss:** Revival and dedication of multipurpose building, July 28 - Aug. 1; Sat., 5-8 p.m., including Calm Assurance quartet, meal, and building dedication; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Brett Golson, speaker; Tim Morrison, music; Tommy Broom, pastor.

► **Union Church, Union:** Revival, July 29 - Aug. 3; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by fellowship meal; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Don Gann, speaker; Kenneth Douglas, music; Steve Smith, pastor.

► **McAdams Church, Sallis:** Revival, July 29 - Aug. 1; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by pot luck meal and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Ed Newman, speaker.

► **Fellowship Church, Bellefontaine:** Revival, July 29 - Aug. 1; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; John Haines, speaker.

► **Wayside Church, Vicksburg:** Homecoming, July 29; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch with afternoon singing; Jason Wolley, pastor.

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